MSA Planning Activity

The council has received credible evidence that a new type of fishing gear can help minimize bycatch of non-target fish species in your area. You want to prepare an FMP amendment to authorize and regulate the use of the new gear. You have also heard reports that, while this gear minimizes bycatch of fish, it may increase interactions with marine mammals and birds.

1.	What are the key steps you should plan for?
2.	What is a realistic timeframe to implementation?
3.	What parties should be involved in frontloading?
4.	What sorts of things did you consider in developing your schedule/timeframe?